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It hangs in the New York Yacht Club in Newport.

That bird originally adorned the America, the first U.S. boat to win America's Cup race in 1851.

Rogers said.

The eagle disappeared when the it was being repaired in England after the race. It appeared later over the door of a bar in England and then was taken to the New York Yacht Club.

Swanston, who hired Mr. Rogers to carve the eagle.

"Howard is the last of a dying breed," Mr. Swanston said. "We wanted it in wood, and gilded and painted in Old World methods.

He uses fascinating Old World craftsmanship that isn't found much today," Mr. Swanston said.

Mr. Rogers has been working on the eagle for 25 days and has another three weeks of work to finish the project.

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# Body identified as missing pilot

By AUDREY ROSS  
Staff Writer

A woman's body found floating in the water off St. Mary's County two weeks ago was identified yesterday as a student pilot from Annapolis missing for more than a month.

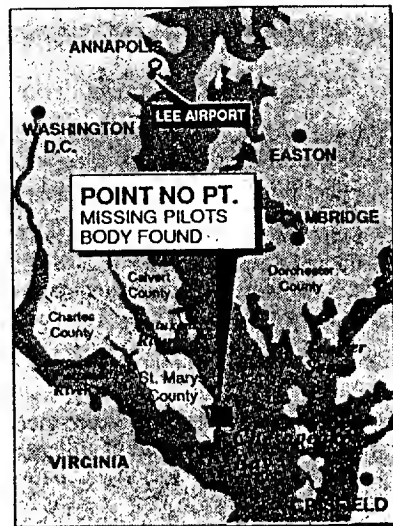
The state Medical Examiner's Office confirmed through dental records that the badly bruised and decomposed body found Nov. 11 was Rosa Maria Tames Gonzales, 30.

Investigators were unable to confirm the identity of the body until Ms. Gonzales' dental records were sent from her native Spain.

Police said there is no evidence of foul play. Ms. Gonzales apparently died from internal injuries sustained in the crash.

However, the investigation will be kept open until the wreckage is recovered. Authorities believe that she crashed in the Chesapeake Bay but do not know where because small airports do not require flight plans.

The wreckage may not have been



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near the body, which could have been floating for some time, police said.

"I don't know if we'll ever find that plane," state police Sgt. Dave Michael said. "No one knows for sure where she took off from."

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# Snowden calls for changes to make Forest Drive safer

By AUDREY ROSS  
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A city alderman called for improvements to Forest Drive in the wake of an accident that killed an Annapolis man and his dog.

Alderman Carl O. Snowden, D-Ward 5, said the stretch of road between Chinquapin Round Road and Hilltop Lane has no sidewalks and is unsafe.

"We need to be able to have a path for people that will make it safe for people to go to and from Forest Drive," he said. "It's just a matter of time before we have another fatality."

The accident Wednesday was the second fatal pedestrian accident in the city this year. In both cases, the victims were hit while crossing city streets.

Police said Kevin Hicks was

crossing Forest Drive about 8:40 p.m. on his way to a 7-Eleven store at Bywater Road when he was hit by a truck driven by a man later charged with driving while intoxicated and driving under the influence.

Kenneth J. Campbell, 35, of 20 Silopanna Road, was driving with his headlights off when his truck hit Mr. Hicks, of 1786 Belle Drive, and his dog in the fast lane of Forest Drive, according to police.

The impact threw Mr. Hicks and the dog 30 to 40 feet, police said.

Mr. Campbell posted a \$5,000 bond and was released from jail yesterday. District Court Judge Joseph P. Manck refused to lower the bond at a hearing yesterday.

In arguing for the higher bond, prosecutors said Mr. Campbell

had prior convictions for driving under the influence.

The State's Attorney's Office is reviewing the case and could seek additional charges. Relatives and friends of Mr. Hicks are hoping for more serious charges and were disappointed at Mr. Campbell's bond.

They also joined those calling for ways to improve the congested road.

Mr. Hicks' girlfriend of 20 years, Sheila Venerable, said she crosses Forest Drive at Bywater Road daily to get to work at the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund and said it's unsafe.

"They always run that red light," she said. "I always wait before I cross the street because I know someone's going to run the red light."

charged with drunken driving and driving while intoxicated. The city will review both cases to determine whether additional charges should be filed.

## Firefighter loses plea to delay firing

A city firefighter fired for sexual misconduct lost his plea yesterday to postpone his dismissal until his appeal is decided.

Robert T. Thomas was fired effective yesterday, but he'll be allowed to keep his medical benefits until his appeal of administrative charges is completed, a county Circuit Court judge ruled.

A hearing before the Civil Service Board is set for Dec. 6.

Mr. Thomas is the only public safety officer fired since seven were disciplined Nov. 1 after a city probe into sexual misconduct.

Administrative charges against Lt. Kenneth Rowe were withdrawn Wednesday after the city agreed to provide his attorney with further documentation of the charges. He remains on paid suspension pending new disciplinary action.

The city charges that Mr. Thomas engaged in sexual practices while on duty, said Samuel Brown, the veteran firefighter's attorney.

"We have the witnesses to show it never occurred," Mr. Brown said. "I believe once the (Civil Service Board) hears the evidence, they are going to wonder No. 1 why the city has done what it has done and what the basis for these charges are."

Of the public safety officers named in the probe, six were found to have engaged in on-duty sexual misconduct with women. A battalion chief was charged with ignoring it.

Two police officers and two firefighters were suspended and demoted. Lt. Rowe, Mr. Thomas and Battalion Chief James M. Jones were fired. Mr. Jones opted to retire.

## PILOT

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Ms. Gonzales had been missing since Oct. 4 when she took off from Lee Airport in Edgewater on a solo training flight.

She was scheduled to fly to Summit Airport in Delaware and then to Easton Airport before making the return flight.

But investigators could never confirm she actually arrived or took off from either airport. They believe she crashed during the return flight.

No one apparently witnessed the crash because no one has come forward, Sgt. Michael said.

Her disappearance touched off a massive search lasting 10 days that

covered 6,900 square miles.

Her plane was last tracked on radar at 2:18 p.m. about seven miles north of Millington near the Delaware border.

Boaters discovered the body floating just off Point No Point in St. Mary's County on Nov. 11.

The National Transportation Safety Board, which investigates all accidents, also will track this case, keeping it open until the plane is recovered.

Ms. Gonzales, who went by the name Maria Tames, was training to become a licensed pilot and was remembered by friends as having a zest and enthusiasm for life.

Ms. Gonzales was taking classes at Anne Arundel Community College and planned to major in film.

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